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[F5F18-F] Correspondence, General (1929)

Family Records Series -- Edison Family Papers -- Mina Edison Papers

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[F5F18-F] Correspondence, General (1929)

Description
This folder contains correspondence and other documents from 1929, along with undated items that were probably generated in 1929. Included are numerous letters from John V. Miller to his sister Mina Miller Edison, written while the Edisons were at Seminole Lodge, their winter home in Fort Myers, from mid-January until mid-June. The letters report on maintenance activities at Glenmont, the health of the service staff, the final illness and death of servant Anna Tagg, the annual Edison Pioneers dinner, and other matters. There are also comments by Miller about the health of Mina's daughter Madeleine Edison Sloane, who underwent gallbladder surgery in May, and her six-year-old grandson Peter Sloane, whose planned visit to Fort Myers had to be canceled because of the chicken pox. In addition, there are references to the Golden Jubilee of the electric light—a five-month-long celebration that began with the National Electric Light Association convention in early June and ended with a ceremony at the Henry Ford Museum in late October. A letter by Minnesota attorney John J. McCaughey, whose wife was the granddaughter of Edison's uncle Harry, provides genealogical information about Edison family. Other correspondents include photographer Charles James Fox, D. W. Hayes of the Port Huron Rotary Club, Chinese aviator Tien Lai Huang, John E. Lambie of the Lambie Concrete House Corp., and Elga Ludwig, wife of author Emil Ludwig.

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[F5F18AA], Letter from John Vincent Miller to Lucy Durfee Bogue, January 23rd, 1929

Title
[F5F18AA], Letter from John Vincent Miller to Lucy Durfee Bogue, January 23rd, 1929

Author
Miller, John Vincent

Recipient
Bogue, Lucy Durfee

Mentioned

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1929-01-23

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE name

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January 23, 1929.

Miss Lucy D. Bogue,
130 West 42nd Street,
New York City.

My dear Lucy:

Mina has sent to me your circular letter of January 15th asking permission to use Mr. Edison's and her names for the honorary committee in connection with the Royal Belgian Guards tour. She says that it is O. K. for you to do so.

Hope that you are meeting with the greatest success in this undertaking. I am glad to note that the Band is to appear here in Orange, and would like to know if you have settled on a date.

Letters from Mina say that everything was fine down in Florida on their arrival and that she is taking a two weeks absolute rest before entering into the whirlwind of activities, and that the place looks very nice - evidently better than she anticipated. All out here are well and hope you are having a grand time in New York and are able to enjoy a little leisure, and with best regards, remain,

Yours most sincerely,

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[F5F18AB], Letter from John Vincent Miller to F Durand Taylor, January 29th, 1929

Title
[F5F18AB], Letter from John Vincent Miller to F Durand Taylor, January 29th, 1929

Author
Miller, John Vincent

Recipient
Taylor, F Durand

Mentioned

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Hoover, Herbert Clark

Date
1929-01-29

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Awards & honors/clubs & societies
- Finances (TAE and family)
- TAE name

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January
twenty-ninth
1929

Mr. F. Durand Taylor,
191 Midland Avenue,
East Orange, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Edison has requested the writer to send you the enclosed check for one ticket to the Celebration of the Inauguration of Herbert Hoover for Monday evening, March 4, 1929, and has further asked that we inform you that it is agreeable to them to use their names as patron and patroness.

Yours very truly,

J. V. Miller
For Mrs. Thomas A. Edison.

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[F5F18AC], Letter from John Vincent Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 8th, 1929

Title
[F5F18AC], Letter from John Vincent Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 8th, 1929

Author
Miller, John Vincent

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Glenmont
- Sloane, John Edison
- Edison, Charles
- Knowles, Wilbur S
- Scarth, Sidney

Date
1929-02-08

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Property

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February
eighth
1929

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers,
Florida.

Dear Mrs. Edison: Re. Glenmont.

1, Scarth:

Have had Scarth examined by Dr. George Alcott who has taken blood cultures, etc., and is to report in a day or two recommendations. Just saw the Doctor this noon and he tells me that possibly tomorrow he will be able to give us a report. Scarth seems to be fairly well, except for this trouble on his head.

2, Plumbing and steamfitting in house. The Plant Service Department are going ahead with the hot water system in your end of the house. Also they are going ahead with the other jobs, such as the radiator in Jack's room, etc.

3. Mr. Knowles has not yet returned, but today I received a letter from him from California. I am answering him, giving him the various items which you gave and listed for this attention. Mr. Knowles will write me relative to same.

4. Greenhouse - wood framework. The other day I was at the house and noticed that the woodwork around the greenhouse is pretty much free of paint, and I believe that all the woodwork on the outside, at least, should be painted. You know in the "U" bars which forms a steel framework of the roofs, there are strips of wood. These should be kept painted as otherwise I am afraid they will gradually rot away, loosen the glass, etc. You might consider this and if you think it should be painted, I can get estimates.

5. Cow Barn. You will remember we were submitted a price for fixing up the cow barn last year, but nothing was done. Do you want to have the roofs, etc. fixed up?

In general, things are going along pretty well up here. Charles is highly elated over the success of his Splitdorf meeting and everything seems to be going along smoothly and well, as far as the work is concerned.

With much love.

Yours very affectionately,

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Title
[F5F18AD], Letter from John Vincent Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 12th, 1929

Author
Miller, John Vincent

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison Pioneers
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Adams, Edward Dean
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Edison, Beatrice Heyzer (Mrs Thomas A. Jr)
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Nichols, Marian
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Scarth, Sidney

Date
1929-02-12

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Awards & honors/clubs & societies

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February 12, 1929.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers, Fla.

Re Scarth

Dear Mina:

Have just seen Dr. Wakeley about Scarth. He says that his general health now is good, that the trouble on his face is healing nicely and he sees no reason why Scarth should not go to Florida the latter part of this week or at least Monday. Dr. Alcott is preparing a vaccine which will be used twice before Scarth's departure. The doctor thinks this will hasten the healing and that Scarth should have no further trouble.

I also saw Dr. Alcott and, as told you, he made tests of his blood and took a culture of the sore on his face. He can find no real trouble and thinks that Scarth is well able to go ahead with his work.

Personally Scarth seems to be in good shape now, has considerable pep, his color is good and his average energy is fast returning. He is very anxious to go and realizes that he cannot hold out any longer this way and must get busy. Unless we hear to the contrary, he will start next Monday, or Saturday if conditions are O. K.

The Pioneers' dinner went off in fine shape yesterday noon. Charles and Carolyn, Edith, Mary Ann, Marion, Tom, Beatrice and myself were present. Mr. Adams made a very fine address, also, Mr. Palmer submitted a fine resolution, which is to be sent you. In the evening the foremen had their dinner and had two radios. We heard the broadcasting. Charles' speech came through fine, and also Mr. Edison's. He seemed to be in fine fettle. According to the papers, you had a grand day and we are certainly glad that everything went off so beautifully.

With much love,

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Title
[F5F18AE], Telegram from John Vincent Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 9th, 1929

Author
Miller, John Vincent

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Sloane, Peter Edison
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)

Date
1929-03-09

Type
Telegram

Subject
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TELEGRAM

Regular ☐ CHECK
Night Letter ☐ WHICH
Day Letter ☒

Via WU

Company

Date 3/9/29 192

Time 10:30

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Fort Myers, Fla.

Charles and Carolyn left this morning according to plan. Peter not with them as he has Chicken Pox. Charles wants you to be sure to arrange for sun and water and fish to be in the river. Much love.

John.

3/9.29

WU

Mrs. T. A. Edison, Ft. Myers, Fla.

TAE Private

John

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Title
[F5F18AF], Letter from John Vincent Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, April 19th, 1929

Author
Miller, John Vincent

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Edith Clarissa

Date
1929-04-19

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Photographs and autographs

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April
nineteenth
1929

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers,
Florida.

Dear Mina:

Received your telegram late yesterday afternoon asking for your photograph. I was at home, feeling a little under the weather, but got the word and tried to find Edith but she was out. In the evening we went up to the house to locate the photograph and found one which is a poor likeness, but the only one that seemed to be a picture of yourself alone, and connected with the D.A.R.

I brought this with me this morning and they are having a half tone wood cut made of it and if at all possible, it will be sent off to you by air mail tonight. Hope it is the picture that you want.

It is very fine that the women are getting out a complete edition of the Tropical News and no doubt it will be a grand success. However, it is an added amount of worry to you and I think you have enough already, so why continue to keep up this terrible mad rush. What you want is some rest, and why don't you take things easy,

In regard to Madelein's operation, I don't believe there is anything absolutely definite about it yet. She is going to New York on Monday, I believe, again to see the Doctor over there for a further examination. I certainly hope that the operation will not be necessary.

Everything up here has cleared up quite a bit, as today for the first time in about a week and a half or more, the sun is out and the skies are blue. It is quite cold yet, however. One great advantage of this cold weather up here is that you undoubtedly are having cooler weather. Certainly hope so.

Trusting that this photograph is all O.K., and regretting that it is not a much better one, remain

Yours affectionately,

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Title
[F5F18AG], Letter from John Vincent Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, April 24th, 1929

Author
Miller, John Vincent

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Mary Emily
- McCarthy, Lena, (Mrs Michael Doyle)
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)
- Tagg, Anna
- Scarth, Sidney

Date
1929-04-24

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Property

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April
twenty-fourth
1929

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers,
Florida.

Dear Mina:

Received your telegram about flowers for Theodore and have arranged for same. Certainly glad to note that the weather is good down there and everything is going along nicely.

In answer to your questions about Anna and the others, would say that Florence saw Anna a few days ago and found her sitting up and apparently fairly well. She is sustained a good deal by drugs, which alleviate the pain. I saw Mary this morning and asked her the latest news from Anna, and she said that she was in a couple of days ago and found her in bed again and in a very weak condition. Last night we met the specialist, Dr. Egleton, of Newark, and he said that Anna will never get around again and it is only a matter of time when she will go. It might be any moment.

In regard to Scarth, would say that he is working regularly here at the Laboratory and seems to be O.K. He has good pep and is doing good work, and on the job regularly.

In regard to Lena, would say that a while ago I saw her and she seemed to be O.K. and getting along fairly well under the circumstances.

Certainly glad to know that the photograph was the one you wanted and that your edition of the paper was a grand success.

Everybody up here ~~is~~ about as usual. Saw Madelein yesterday, and she seems to be getting along fairly well, but is very anxious to have the examination completed and some definite decision made. She

seemed tired, but is taking things extremely easy.

Things at the house are getting along first rate. Mrs. Renner has her men working in the living room now touching up the bad spots. Men have been on the lawn for a couple of days, and in general everything is O.K. We are anxiously waiting to hear from you in regard to the books about which I sent you along a list and letter.

With much love, remain

Yours very affectionately,

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[F5F18AH], Letter from John Vincent Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 2nd, 1929

Title
[F5F18AH], Letter from John Vincent Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 2nd, 1929

Author
Miller, John Vincent

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Mary Emily
- Knowles, Wilbur S
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Tagg, Anna

Date
1929-05-02

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Property
- Rubber research

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Tagg, Anna

May 3, 1929.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers, Fla.

Dear Mina:

Just received word through Mary that Anna Tagg died this afternoon at 1:00 o'clock at the Nursing Home in Orange. I believe that everything is being done for her that is possible by her sister and neices, who have taken good care of her and visited her very frequently. We, of course, will arrange to send some flowers. Her passing away is as expected for some time past, as the doctors all said there was no hope for her and that it was just a matter of minutes or days when she would succumb.

I want to remind you that some days ago we sent you a letter giving prices on two types of stair treads for the back stairs, and that we are awaiting your decision before letting Mr. Knowles know what to do.

We are certainly glad to know that Mr. Edison has met with such wonderful success in vulcanizing the rubber, and we take it that not only has he found the proper raw material but also has proper process to recover the actual rubber.

The weather up here is something terrific, raining every other day at least, and, also, it is quite cold, all of which is probably very good as, undoubtedly, it is accompanied by cool weather down there for you people.

With lots of love, I remain,

Yours affectionately,

JVM/IWW

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Title
[F5F18AI], Letter from John Vincent Miller to Thomas Alva Edison, May 4th, 1929

Author
Miller, John Vincent

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- National Electric Light Assn
- Golden Jubilee (1929)
- Wilson, Joseph

Date
1929-05-04

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)

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MEMORANDUM NO.

DATE May 4, 1929

EFFECTIVE

FROM- J. V. Miller

TO- Mr. Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers, Fla.

SUBJECT

Dear Mr. Edison:

You are probably already aware that a very urgent invitation has been sent you to be present at the beginning of the Light Festival Proceedings at Atlantic City, June 3 to 7. The National Electric Light Association has been advised that you will not return from Florida until the middle of June, and it will be absolutely impossible for you to be present. We, of course, assume that this is what you want to say to them.

Also, in connection with your financial affairs, would say that an audit has been made by Joe Wilson, our Auditor, and he found everything in satisfactory condition. We would send you his full report but think that you would not take the time to look it over and are, therefore, holding it until your return. We trust that this is satisfactory to you.

The report of Joe Wilson is practically in accordance with the budget which the writer submitted to you some time previously.

J. V. Miller.

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Title
[F5F18AJ], Letter from Isaac W Walker to May Z Fine, May 9th, 1929

Author
Walker, Isaac W

Recipient
Fine, May Z

Mentioned

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Hoover, Herbert Clark

Date
1929-05-09

Type
Letter

Subject
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May 9, 1939.

Mrs. May Z. Fine,
33 West 42nd Street,
New York City.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of April 4th to Mrs. Edison, on the subject of "Americanism", was received by her at Fort Myers, Florida, and forwarded to me for reply.

She wishes me to write you that she feels that President Hoover is taking steps to correct the evil to which you refer and is doing constructive work, and she feels that he should be given time to work it out.

Yours very truly,

IWW

Secretary

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[F5F18AK], Letter from Charles James Fox to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 16th, 1929

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Author
Fox, Charles James

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Lieb, John William
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Type
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Subject

- TAE health
- Photographs and autographs
- Visual arts

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Aug. 16.

Mrs Thomas A Edison

My dear Mrs Edison;

Mr Sidr called me up yesterday saying that he had been at To see you the day before and was not able to get over to see the portrait with you as Mr Edison was not well that afternoon.

I do hope that Mr Edison is feeling much better now.

Mrs Hoppen & I kept the studio open all afternoon and I was sorry when I heard of the reason why you could not come.

when the portrait was at your home you expressed a kindly desire for the possession of it and asked me the price which I did not know at the time. Also I did not feel that I wanted to act the role of salesman.

Mr Lukas asked me eighteen months ago for the permission to paint the portrait from my photograph. I felt that he could and from the unanimous approval of all that have seen it and know Mr Edison, he has justified his efforts. I feel myself that it is a sincere work of art and a beautiful human document

of the real man, Mr Edison. . .

I suggested that Mr Edison see you, himself as to the value of this portrait, but Mr Sieb feels that you do not know him as well as myself and suggests that I do the negotiating. He says that I started this thing which is really not true, for I have not been the aggressor in the matter.

When the portrait was finished I asked Mr Sieb if he would kindly look at it which he did, and in his enthusiasm had it taken over to his office + shown to the prominent men of the concern.

from that time on it has swept right of in absolute approval.

Then Imo Happen asked if it might be kept at her studio and also received your permission to show it to a few people. Everything has been all right so far except that the one or two of the newspapers got wind of it and published an embarrassing article about it. I had nothing to do with the papers and never do, for they are like a hungry pack of wolves. One of them asked me for permission to photograph it, and I told them under no consideration could they copy it

for I had an iron bound copyright on it and I stood for its protection.

So you see my situation in the matter.

Mr Sloan is waiting for the pleasure of your decision in the matter of the portrait and would like to know soon if he is to leave it here in charge. If not he will take it back to New York. He spoke of a possibility of exhibiting it in one of the galleries there.

If you care to see Mr Sloan or would rather have me come over to talk matters over with you I shall try to handle the matter the best way I know how.

I dont want any embarassment in the matter and I shall always stand ready to do what I can in any way to help matters.

Sincerely

Charles James Fox

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Orange N.J.
Telephone Orange 4156

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[F5F18AK1], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to John William Lieb, August 23rd, 1929

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Lieb, John William

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Edison, Thomas Alva

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My dear Mr. Lieb.

Mr. Fox has been here and said they wanted $7500 for portrait. I said that we thought it too much. I dont know what he is doing about it but he said that he would take it up with Mr. Lubin.

Mr. Edison is quite a little better today. Hope that you are not doing too much and are getting an appetite. We both send our best greetings to you & Mrs. Lieb.

Sincerely
Mina M. Edison.

Send this letter.

Friend Hollowell

August 23, 1929.

My dear Mr. Lieb:

Mr. Fox has been here and said that they wanted $7,500 for the portrait. I told him that we thought it too much. I do not know what he is doing but he said he would take it up with Mr. Lubin.

Mr. Edison is quite a little better today.

Hope that you are not doing too much, and that you are getting an appetite.

We both send our best greetings to you and Mrs. Lieb.

Sincerely,

Mr. John H. Lieb,
N.Y. Edison's,
New York City.

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[F5F18AL], Letter from Tien Lai Huang to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 14th, 1929

Title
[F5F18AL], Letter from Tien Lai Huang to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 14th, 1929

Author
Huang, Tien Lai

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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33 West 34th St., New York,
October 14th, 1929.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I am taking the liberty of sending you some Chinese tea, in the hope that you may acquire a taste for it and thus form a link with my country. One of the teas is known as Jasmine and the other Oolong - Jasmine, meaning purity, and Oolong, the dragon, meaning power.

The full flavor of these Celestial brews can only be appreciated when they are surrounded by a Chinese atmosphere and served with Chinese ceremony in the "Middle Kingdom". May I be able to so offer them to you at some time. In the meantime, as a poor substitute, will you give me the pleasure of your presence at a Chinese dinner at any time which is convenient for you, bringing with you such members of your family as would care to accompany you. Chopsticks are not imperative.

I shall look forward with pleasure to seeing you and Mr. Edison in Dearborn on the 21st.

Very sincerely yours,

Tien Lai Huang

I heard you say when we come back soon they will be glad to see him in this Chinese atmosphere. Keep letter.

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Title
[F5F18AM], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Tien Lai Huang, October 18th, 1929

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Huang, Tien Lai

Date
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October 18, 1929.

Mr. Tien Lai Huang,
33 West 34th Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Huang:

It was most kind of you to send me the Chinese tea, and I thank you for doing so.

After our return from Dearborn, we shall be pleased to visit you in the Chinese atmosphere and taste the tea as it is brewed there.

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs. Thomas A.)

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Title
[F5F18AO], Letter from John J McCaughey to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 26th, 1929

Author
McCaughey, John J

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, John, (Great Grandfather)
- Edison, Samuel Ogden, (Grandfather)
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Elliott, Ebenezer Matthews
- Elliott, Mercy Peckham (Mrs Ebenezer M.)
- Edison, Henry M
- Edison, Inez M

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McCAUGHEY & McCAUGHEY
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
KASSON, MINN.

October 26, 1929

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

You will kindly pardon our seeming neglect in expressing to you and to Mr. Edison our appreciation of the good time shown us at your home on July 4th, but I have been so engaged since returning home that I just did not seem to have a favorable opportunity to write you.

We both greatly enjoyed our visit with you and Mr. Edison and will carry with us the rest of our lives a mental picture of Mr. Edison shooting fire crackers under the spreading tree on your beautiful lawn and explaining to us in such an interesting way his experiments in rubber.

You will recall, Mrs. Edison that in the discussion concerning the Edison family tree that Mr. Edison evidenced a desire to ascertain, if possible, the member of his father's family who lived on the side of the hill, and we promised him that upon our return home through Canada we would endeavor to obtain the information for him if possible. At Vienna we visited several members of the family and the best information we could obtain was to the effect that Captain Samuel Edison who came to Vienna in 1812 had thirteen children, namely, George, Marcellc, Show, Thomas, David, Mrs. Secord, Harry, Samuel, Simeon, Mayland, Jane, Ford and Oscar. Mrs. McCaughey's branch were the offspring of Harry and were Marcellus, Stephen, William, Thomas, Charles, Rachel, Debbie and George. Inez's father was William. I wish you would say to Mr. Edison that it was the concensus of opinion that it was Thomas who lived on the side of the hill that he could not recall. At first they thought perhaps it was Mayland, but after some discussion they came to the conclusion that it was Thomas.

Since our return home we have both regretted exceedingly the fact that we did not have a Camera with us and obtain a picture of Mr. Edison sitting under the tree explaining to Mrs. McCaughey just how the pelican swallowed the herring at Miami. Should you have some extra recent pictures of yourself and Mr. Edison, the family would greatly appreciate some, Mrs. Edison.

Again assuring you of our appreciation of the splendid time shown us, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

J:K

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Belle Marion Page (Ristine) b. Erie City, Ohio (1855-1917)
Intered, Cleveland, Ohio.

Marion Wallace Edison (Page) b. Vienna,Can. (1831-1900 M. 1850)
Intered, Milan, Ohio.

Nancy Mathews Elliott (Edison) (1810- ? M. 1829 @ Vienna,Can.)
Intered, Port Huron.)

Samuel Edison (1804-1897)
Intered, Port Huron.)

Mercy Peckham - Ebenezer Mathews Elliott (? - 1843 In Revolution)
(M. Stonington Conn.) (b. Seneca Lake, N. Y.
(d. Vienna, Canada)

Children of Samuel & Nancy M. E. Edison
Marion Wallace Edison Page (Int. Milan,O.)
Harriet Ann ("Tannie") Edison Bailey (Int. Port Huron)
William Pitt Edison " " "
Samuel Edison, Jr. (Died in Childhood) (Int. Milan, O.)
Carlisle Edison " " " " "
Eliza Edison " " " " "
Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931)

Children of Mercy Peckham & Ebenezer Mathews Elliott
Isaac
Stephen (Methodist Minister)
Elizabeth
John (Baptist Minister)
*Nancy
Fanny

Samuel Edison, b. Digby, Nova Scotia (1804-1897)
(Int. Port Huron.)
John Edison (Loyalist) b. Colonies (1750-1852) d. Vienna, Can.

Thomas Edison (Continental)

Ebenezer Mathews Elliott - Mercy Peckham
*Nancy Elliott Edison
Elizabeth - Winslow Balcom
John Balcom
William Wadsworth Nancy Balcom
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- Lambie Concrete House Corp
- Lambie, John Edward

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Edison, Thomas Alva

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November 18, 1929.

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison,
Glenmont, Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I was glad to learn from yours of the 16th that the photos arrived O.K., after the previous two lots being lost.

I feel and know in my heart that Mr. Edison is seriously interested in this great work and will share my own convictions that the work shall live and finally triumph and prosper even in spite of the many vicissitudes through which it has passed.

For nearly ten long years I have given unstintingly of my life and fortune to this work, with sincere desire to know the truth about it, and I can sympathize keenly with Mr. Edison, who gave us the original conception and worked so hard with only the crude tools available in the early days.

I am convinced the principle of the thing is absolutely sound, but like all great and revolutionary movements, required a close-up working out of a thousand details, like bringing together the thousands of little wires in a generator in correct position and relation to each other to make the thing function properly.

Now I am sure we are able to give the world a product superior in quality to all other materials and more beautiful too in its grand simplicity and purity of design, embellished in good taste and finished with due and practical regard to the requirements of the human family.

I feel this work has never received the hearty support it deserves from the profession or the producers of materials necessary to its existence, while on the contrary there has been much selfish pressure exhibited by competitive vested interests prompted more by desire for profits than by principle.

It also appears that within the realm of concrete house advocates there has been a condition more or less like a lot of cults and religions scrapping amongst themselves, with dissenting theories to leave the masses incapable of discrimination more or less in doubt.

Apart from my own or any other individual theory, I feel there is somewhere within the pure conception a right and perfect way to deal with every detail of this great work and it remains for us to put our heads together in order that we may reach these truths in a common faith and in the spirit of co-operation make them live and serve.

Personally I have no greater desire or purpose than to see this work prosper and serve its worthy purpose, and in a state of perfection perpetuate the great and good name of its sponsor.

I know that Mr. Edison would not knowingly lend his name or moral support to an error and I would not suggest such a thing unless and until every detail has been satisfactorily thrashed out to render the system as near perfect in every detail as is humanly possible.

I have listened to a thousand suggestions from outside and have gone so far as to try out some of them, mostly with indifferent success, which I attribute to lack of real knowledge on the part of the many who have only a superficial understanding of the work.

I have always wanted to and intended to come to Mr. Edison for the final analysis and for his council, but not until I could bring to him something worthy of his attention and thought, and this I could not do until I became thoroughly satisfied myself as to certain ways and means by which the work could be mounted as a service and business to justify its position and existence.

Now I have gone as far as I can alone to gather together all that I have been able to find that appears to be good and best for this work, till now I know that:

(1) Good dependable concrete stone can be made of superior quality and at low cost from all sorts of aggregates.

(2) Artistic expression with infinite variety can be given to concrete, without the aid of other supporting materials, so that concrete itself may express the new and more beautiful designs with absolute freedom in size, shape and color.

(3) Insulation against heat, cold, sound and damp is now an assured contribution to the perfect concrete house.

(4) Decoration inside and out, everlasting and washable and beautiful is now obtainable at low cost with inexpensive formulae, applied by mechanical means with good effect and great saving.

(5) As to the details of fitments and conveniences, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing and sanitation, lighting, and even to the improved windows, doors, floors and roof, down to the last detail in hardware, it appears our concrete house has all the advantages of every type of construction and many advantages none of the others possess.

At some time when he feels like it and the spirit moves, I wish Mr. Edison would look over my work and general proposition and feel free to ask questions and give me the benefit of his advices, which I would much appreciate.

I feel the urge strongly that it's going to take all the forces we can command in the spirit of hearty co-operation to make this work strong and healthy to serve faithfully its good principles for the purpose and lasting good so potent in its concept.

I have in the most conscientious spirit pledged my life and fortune to this good work, which I am sure will some day (and I pray in the not distant future) be able to give all the people the better home at less cost, which would to my mind be one of the most powerful uplifting forces within our reach and apparently now at our command, and it is my sincere desire to do all I can and to persuade others to do all they can to help the good work along, and I do feel that Mr. Edison can and will be glad to do a whole lot by giving us the benefit of his wise council and moral support.

My son is now in New York in conference with a special group of architects who are endeavoring to ascertain just what is necessary and befitting in design to make the concrete house a thing of great beauty. You have met my son in Florida and I know he thinks a tremendous lot of Mr. Edison, and now if Mr. Edison would like to have the son run over to New Jersey for a brief exchange of questions and council, I'm sure it would be a mutually pleasant meeting and I would be glad to arrange it at Mr. Edison's early convenience and before my son returns here or goes to Florida.

Our solitary plant is still in Florida and I expect to be going down there soon to join the wife and by some means get our plant working again. So,if not before then, I may hope to have the pleasure of seeing you all again in Florida this winter.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes to you and yours, I remain

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Lambie, President.

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Author
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Hayes, D W
- Port Huron Rotary Club

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My dear Mrs Edison:

You are probably aware that the Port Huron Rotary Club placed a large memorial boulder to mark the boyhood home of Mr. Edison at Port Huron.

Herewith I hand you a small piece of the boulder which has been sent to Mr Edison.

I also enclose copies of the letter of D. W. Hayes, the President of the Rotary Club, together with a copy of Mr. Edison's letter of thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Wm H Meadowcroft

Nov. 26. 1929.

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[F5F18AR1], Letter from D W Hayes, Port Huron Rotary Club to Thomas Alva Edison, October 19th, 1929

Author

- Hayes, D W
- Port Huron Rotary Club

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned
Edison Electric Illuminating Co (Detroit)

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ROTARY CLUB

PORT HURON, MICH.

October 19, 1929.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison,
Menlo Park,
New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Edison:-

Last Spring the Port Huron Rotary Club decided to mark some of the historical points around Port Huron.

The first location which the committee selected was your old home, and Harvey Dixon and Walter R. Stevens were appointed a committee to look up a suitable boulder.

They located a beautiful boulder near Kinde, Michigan, 92 miles north of Port Huron, but on account of the size of the boulder, it did not at first seem feasible to bring it to Port Huron. The weight of the boulder was 42 tons. The County Road Commission would not give permission to bring it over the roads, but by securing the co-operation of the Detroit Edison Company, the boulder was transported on rollers across country one and one-quarter miles to the main line of the Pere Marquette Railway, and loaded on a gooseneck flat car.

As you will see by the sample we are sending you, the boulder is very light colored, and has been pronounced by experts to be one of the most beautiful boulders ever used as a memorial.

As it is not possible for you to come to Port Huron and help us dedicate the boulder, we are trying by the pictures and news clippings to bring the boulder to you.

We hope that some day it will be possible for you to come to Port Huron and see the boulder which we have dedicated to your genius.

Sincerely yours,

PORT HURON ROTARY CLUB

By D. W. Hayes
President.

DWH/MR

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Author
Edison, Thomas Alva

Recipient

- Hayes, D W
- Port Huron Rotary Club

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Mr. D. W. Hayes, President,
Rotary Club,
Port Huron, Mich.

My dear Mr. Hayes:

I trust you will kindly pardon this somewhat belated reply to your very kind letter. The manifestations of respect and regard on the part of my fellow citizens have been so numerous and varied that I am still engaged in the pleasant task of acknowledging them.

I have been greatly interested in the story of the memorial boulder as told in your letter, and it has been brought more vividly to my comprehension on looking over the pictures in the album which was sent me by Mr. Walter R. Stevens.

It is beyond me to give adequate expression to my great appreciation of the fine thought of the Port Huron Rotary Club in deciding to mark the location of my old home with such a magnificent boulder. It has more than ordinary significance to me, and I feel highly honored in having my childhood home so greatly distinguished.

Will you please convey to the Port Huron Rotary Club a cordial greeting from me and my thanks for the honor which they have bestowed upon me.

Yours very truly,

Ediphoned-E (Signed) Thomas A. Edison.

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THOMAS A. EDISON
COULD NOT COME TO PORT HURON
TO SEE THE BOULDER SO THE
Rotary Club
IS SENDING THIS PIECE
OF THE BIG BOULDER TO HIM.

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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ANGORA-PALACE

Angora (Turkey)
November 28th 1929

Dear Mrs Edison,

Your charming letter reached me here in the new Turkish capital, which is growing out of the prairie around a small Asiatic citadel with American rapidity and American dimensions.

[1]

We are on our way, via Palestine, to Egypt, where we want to go up the Nile as far as possible.

How often do we talk of the days spent with you and Mr Edison in that wonderful atmosphere of quiet and research around your home in Florida. I remember every tree

[2]

[redacted]

[redacted]

of your garden, the many birds on the lawn, the sea breeze, and the quaint and unique laboratory, the birthplace of historical events.

The Trees you sent us from Florida all came very well, but the exceptionally cold winter, that came over Europe last year, killed all except the little orange tree, which was in a pot in the hothouse.

So I have saved at least one of your gifts!

How I should love to show you my garden, what a great day it would be for Mosciano!

Next year, perhaps, if we come over to the States, may we visit you?

All good Xmas wishes to you and the Edison family from yours sincerely, Olga Andreini

[3]

[4]

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